

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Members

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)
Cr Jeff Johnson
Cr Keith Williams

Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Neil Kennedy, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce/Lennox Head Surf Club
Dr Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society
Graham Shaw, Lennox Head Residents' Association
Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Berenice Roberts, Lennox Care and Southern Cross K-12 School

Council Staff

Steve Barnier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities
John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services

Apologies

Ian Duncan, Newrybar
Fran Byrne, Coastcare
Geoff Harris, Lennox Head Surf Club

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 15 September 2014 be taken as read and confirmed. (Alan Veacock/Dr Lyn Walker)

4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. **Outstanding Business**

- (a) **Poor condition of roadway – Hindmarsh Street/Banksia Lane, East Ballina**

The information provided by staff relating to maintenance work within the roadway was noted.

6. Business with Notice from Members

(a) **Unresolved road and sporting facilities issues, Ballina Heights Estate**

Mr Veacock, on behalf of the Ballina Heights Residences Action Group, had requested information concerning the status of Ballina Heights Drive, Power Drive and the new sporting facilities servicing this estate.

Council's Group Manager Civil Services, Mr Truman, had provided a written response to the matters raised, which had been distributed to Mr Veacock and all members of the Committee prior to the meeting.

Mr Veacock indicated that he was satisfied with the response provided.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted. Dr Walker noted that the recent public exhibition of the concept plan for the Lake Ainsworth precinct prepared by Complete Urban did not appear on the list of documents.

8. Business Without Notice

- (a) **Graham Shaw** – enquired about the rumour concerning a proposed large training facility to be erected at the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp.

The Mayor responded by advising that whilst there had been an enquiry earlier this year from a party who was looking to provide training infrastructure for winter sports representatives, no firm proposal has been submitted for consideration and there had been no further discussion about the project.

- (b) **Graham Shaw** – expressed disappointment regarding the community's inability to have discussion with representatives from the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp concerning proposed master planning in the vicinity of the lake.

- (c) **Graham Shaw** – thanked Council staff for their efforts in supporting the recent community consultation concerning the Lake Ainsworth precinct master planning project.

- (d) **Graham Shaw** – enquired about the status of local government reforms, particularly in relation to potential council amalgamations.

The Mayor responded by indicating that there appears to be no immediate implications for Ballina Shire Council, in regard to that particular issue.

- (e) **Dr Lyn Walker** – raised concerns regarding aspects of the report prepared by Complete Urban concerning the Lake Ainsworth precinct master planning project, indicating that the document contained a considerable number of inaccuracies.

All community submissions will now be evaluated and reported to the Council for its consideration. Mr Truman noted that staff have written to the Crown, inviting its comments concerning the Complete Urban report.

- (f) **Neil Kennedy** (as a representative of the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce) – advised that a new Chamber executive has recently been elected. Also, thanked Council for its support in the Chamber's co-ordination of the Lennox Head Carols in the Park which is to be held on 7 December.

- (g) **Neil Kennedy** (as a representative of the Lennox Head Surf Club) – noted that the Club is liaising with Council in relation to a number of matters. He indicated that a proposal under consideration to convert to a loading zone, existing carparking spaces located adjacent to the Club building would adversely impact the Club and is not supported.

Finally, Mr Kennedy indicated a view that, of the potential options presented in the Complete Urban report relating to the Surf Club building, the Club's preference would be the construction of a new building.

- (h) **Lorraine Leuckel** – sought an update concerning funding for replacement of the existing Marine Rescue building.

The Mayor responded by indicating that he is following up on all funding opportunities, and that the Council had recently determined the project as its highest priority in pursuing grant funds.

- (i) **Darel Vidler** – expressed disappointment about the timing of the topdressing which had recently been applied to Williams Reserve. Further, that he remains concerned about the lack of consultation between relevant stakeholders concerning the operation of the community market on Williams Reserve.

Mr Vidler also noted the need for greater resources to be applied to improve the playing surface of the Megan Crescent field.

- (j) **Shaun Eastment** – thanked the Mayor for providing an explanation concerning the proposal for training infrastructure at the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Camp.

- (k) **Alan Veacock** – expressed resident concerns about motorist behaviour along The Ridgeway. On-street parking is restricting the operation of the through lanes. At other times, excessive speeding by some motorists in the same area is causing problems and he is fearful of a serious accident. Mr Veacock suggested that additional speed restriction signage within the estate is warranted.

Mr Truman indicated a report to the Council concerning pavement improvements on The Ridgeway is imminent.

- (l) **Alan Veacock** – expressed concerns regarding a current proliferation of snakes in open space areas within Ballina Heights Estate. He suggested Council place signage in appropriate locations to heighten awareness for residents.
- (m) **Cr David Wright** - provided a brief overview of the results of the recently conducted community survey of Council's operations by Micromex. Overall, the report indicated a high level of satisfaction regarding Council's performance.
- (n) **Cr David Wright** – provided strong positive feedback concerning the 2014 Ballina Prawn Festival which was conducted on 15 November.
- (o) **Cr Jeff Johnson** – enquired about an incident reported to him regarding unauthorized vegetation removal from within a public reserve.

Mr Truman responded generally about the Council's adopted enforcement policy for this behaviour, also noting however the difficulties that can arise in pursuing a successful prosecution.

9. Next Meeting

Monday 16 March 2015 at 4.30 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

6.05 pm.

The Chair, Cr Sharon Cadwallader provided best wishes to all members for the forthcoming festive season.